

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER RULE 53(b)

14 5-8-98
Pre-Amend A
3/A

01/05/98
Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(b), please file a
Continuation/☒ divisional
of the pending prior PATENT APPLICATION of:
Inventor: SCHNEIDER et al
Serial No. 08/740,653
Filed: October 31, 1996

Atty Dkt.: 1201-59
C# M#

Date: January 5, 1998
Group: 1211
Examiner: Hollinden

**LONG LASTING AQUEOUS DISPERSIONS OR SUSPENSIONS OF
PRESSURE-RESISTANT GAS-FILLED MICROVESICLES AND
METHODS FOR THE PREPARATION THEREOF**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This request for filing under Rule 53(b) is made by the following named inventor(s) (using the above-identified title):
Inventor(s): SCHNEIDER et al

- ☒ Attached is a true copy of the prior application as originally filed including the specification, claims, Oath/Declaration and drawings (if any) and abstract (if any). No amendments (if any) referenced in the Oath or Declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter.
- ☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 USC 119 based on the following foreign applications:

<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Day/Month/Year/Filed</u>
92810046.0	Europe	January 23, 1992
<input type="checkbox"/> certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) attached or		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> already filed on <u>March 17, 1993</u> in prior appln. no. <u>07/991,233</u> filed <u>December 16, 1992</u>		
<input type="checkbox"/> already filed in _____ filed _____		

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: -- This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. _____, filed .--

- ☒ The prior application is assigned to Bracco International B.V..
- ☒ Power of Attorney has been granted to Arthur R. Crawford et al, Reg. No. 25,327 of Nixon & Vanderhye P.C., 1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor, Arlington, Virginia 22201.
- ☒ Address all future communications to: Nixon & Vanderhye P.C., 1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor, Arlington, Virginia 22201.
- ☒ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: This is a divisional of application Serial No. 08/740,653, filed October 31, 1996, now pending which is a Division of 08/380,588 filed January 30, 1995, now 5,578,292 which is a division of 07/991,233 filed December 16, 1992, now 5,365,486.

- ☐ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure copendency.
- ☒ The Examiner's attention is directed to the prior art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or Examiner for the reasons stated therein.
- ☒ Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:
Cancel claims 2-18
- ☒ The entire disclosure of the prior application above-referenced is considered as being part of the disclosure of this new application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY HEREWITH CANCELED

Basic Filing Fee.....	\$	790.00
Total effective claims 31 - 20 (at least 20) = 11 x \$ 22.00.....	\$	242.00
Independent claims 1 - 3 (at least 3) = 0 x \$ 82.00.....	\$	0.00
If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$270.00 (ignore improper).....	\$	0.00
	SUBTOTAL	\$ 1,032.00
Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00).....	\$	0.00
	TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED	\$ 1032.00

Any future submission requiring an extension of time is hereby stated to include a petition for such time extension.
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our **Account No. 14-1140**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor
Arlington, Virginia 22201-4714
Telephone: (703) 816-4000
Facsimile: (703) 816-4100
ARC:pfc

NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C.
By Atty: Arthur R. Crawford, Reg. No. 25,327

Signature: _____

253059